

**Notice of Allowability**

Application No.

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 2/23/2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-4, 7-11 and 40-45.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)   | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),<br>Paper No./Mail Date _____ |
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| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit<br>of Biological Material                                 | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance  |
|  | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____   |

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### EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. This action is responsive to response received on Feb. 23, 2007.
2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Richard Bucher on May 8, 2007.

3. The application has been amended as follows:

**Claim 1 (currently amended)** A method of processing a multi-media editing project comprising:

maintaining a list of one or more user designated directories where multi-media files have been stored in the past, wherein a directory path name is added to the list of one or more user designated directories when the user specifies said directory path name to store the multi-media files;

generating a request for one or more multi-media files for use in a multi-media editing project, the request being generated by a user computer that comprises part of a network where multi-media files are maintained in a network-accessible location;

intercepting the request by the user computer;

ascertaining whether a requested multi-media file is located on the user computer by checking the one or more user designated directories for the requested multi-media file listed in said list of one or more user designated directories, wherein

~~said one or more user designated directories can be~~ are designated by a user  
specifying a path name for said one or more user designated directories;

retrieving the requested multi-media file from the user computer if the file is  
located on the user computer in said one or more of the user-designated directories;  
and

seeking the requested multi-media file from the network-accessible location if the  
multi-media file is not located on the user computer in said one or more of the user-  
designated directories.

**Claim 2 (Currently amended)** The method of claim 1 further comprising asking  
a user to designate a local directory if a requested file is not found on the user computer  
in said one or more of the user-designated directories.

**Claim 3 (Currently amended)** The method of claim 1 further comprising asking  
a user to designate a local directory if a requested file is not found on the user computer  
in said one or more of the user-designated directories, and then searching for the  
requested file in a designated local directory before seeking the requested file from the  
network-accessible location.

**Claim 5: canceled**

**Claim 6: canceled**

**Claim 7 (Currently amended)** The method of claim 1, wherein said ~~ascertaining~~  
maintaining a list of one or more user designated directories further comprises  
maintaining a list of one or more user designated directories where multi-media files

~~maintaining a list of directories where multi-media files have been stored in the past or are presently stored; and~~

~~checking directories on the list for the requested one more files.~~

**Claim 8 (Currently amended)** The method of claim 1 further comprising:

~~maintaining a list of directories where multi-media files are stored; and~~

updating the list responsive to receiving and storing a multi-media file in a local directory that is not on the list.

**Claim 9 (Currently amended)** The method of claim 1 further comprising:

~~maintaining a list of directories where multi-media files are stored; and~~

updating the list responsive to a user designating a local directory that is not on the list.

**Claim 10 (Currently amended)** ~~One or more computer-readable media having storing computer-readable instructions thereon which, when executed by a user computer, implement the method of claim 1 perform the steps of:~~

One or more computer readable storage media storing computer-executable instructions that, when executed by a user computer perform the steps comprising:

maintaining a list of one or more user designated directories where multi-media files have been stored in the past, wherein a directory path name is added to the list of one or more user designated directories when a user specifies said directory path name to store the multi-media files;

generating a request for one or more multi-media files for use in a multi-media editing project, the request being generated by the user computer that comprises part of a network where multi-media files are maintained in a network-accessible location;  
intercepting the request by the user computer;  
ascertaining whether a requested multi-media file is located on the user computer by checking the one or more user designated directories for the requested multi-media file listed in said list of one or more user designated directories;  
retrieving the requested multi-media file from the user computer if the file is located in said one or more of the user-designated directories; and  
seeking the requested multi-media file from the network-accessible location if the multi-media file is not located on the user computer in said one or more of the user-designated directories.

**Claim 11 (Currently amended)** A multi-media project editing application ~~configured for execution stored~~ on a user computer which, when executed ~~the application is executed to performs the steps of: being configured to implement the method of claim 1~~ perform the steps comprising:

maintaining a list of one or more user designated directories where multi-media files have been stored in the past, wherein a directory path name is added to the list of one or more user designated directories when the user specifies said directory path name to store the multi-media files;

generating a request for one or more multi-media files for use in a multi-media editing project, the request being generated by the user computer that comprises part of a network where multi-media files are maintained in a network-accessible location;  
intercepting the request by the user computer;  
ascertaining whether a requested multi-media file is located on the user computer by checking the one or more user designated directories for the requested multi-media file listed in said list of one or more user designated directories;  
retrieving the requested multi-media file from the user computer if the file is located in said one or more of the user-designated directories; and  
seeking the requested multi-media file from the network-accessible location if the multi-media file is not located on the user computer in said one or more of the user-designated directories.

**Claim 40 (New)** One or more computer readable storage media as recited in claim 10, further comprising asking a user to designate a local directory if a requested file is not found on the user computer in said one or more of the user-designated directories, and then searching for the requested file in a designated local directory before seeking the requested file from the network-accessible location.

**Claim 41 (New)** One or more computer readable storage media as recited in claim 10, wherein said maintaining a list of one or more user designated directories further comprises maintaining a list of one or more user designated directories where multi-media files are presently stored.

**Claim 42 (New)** One or more computer readable storage media as recited in claim 10, further comprising one or more of the following:

updating the list responsive to receiving and storing a multi-media file in a local directory that is not on the list; and

updating the list responsive to a user designating a local directory that is not on the list.

**Claim 43 (New)** A multi-media project editing application as recited in claim 11, further comprising asking a user to designate a local directory if a requested file is not found on the user computer in said one or more of the user-designated directories, and then searching for the requested file in a designated local directory before seeking the requested file from the network-accessible location.

**Claim 44 (New)** A multi-media project editing application as recited in claim 11, wherein said-maintaining a list of one or more user designated directories further comprises maintaining a list of one or more user designated directories where multi-media files are presently stored.

**Claim 45 (New)** ) A multi-media project editing application as recited in claim 11, further comprising one or more of the following:

updating the list responsive to receiving and storing a multi-media file in a local directory that is not on the list; and

updating the list responsive to a user designating a local directory that is not on the list.



**Reasons for Allowance**

4. Claims 1-4, 7-11 and 40-45 are allowed.
5. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art of record does not teach neither singly or in combination "maintaining a list of one or more user designated directories where multi-media files have been stored in the past, wherein a directory path name is added to the list of one or more user designated directories when a user specifies said directory path name to store the multi-media files; ascertaining whether a requested multi-media file is located on the user computer by checking the one or more user designated directories for the requested multi-media file listed in said list of one or more user designated directories; retrieving the requested multi-media file from the user computer if the file is located in said one or more of the user-designated directories; and seeking the requested multi-media file from the network-accessible location if the multi-media file is not located on the user computer in said one or more of the user-designated directories" as in claims 1-11 and 40-45.

6. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

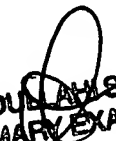
7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hussein A. El-chanti whose telephone number is (571)272-3999. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 8:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ario Etienne can be reached on (571)272-4001. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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